while in the absence of IA booking office the cash sales of IA booking offices in Delhi has come down since the closure of this booking office; and

(d) if so, whether Government would make an enquiry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Airlines has two booking offices in close proximity to the Kanchenjunga Building and they are able to cope with the requirements of passengers in the area.

(c) and (d) Cash sales of each of the remaining Indian Airlines booking offices in Delhi were higher during June, 1992 compared to the sales during the previous two months.

Money required for renovation and modernisation of ITDC Hotels

2681. DR. Z. A. AHMAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of money required by ITDC management for renovation, upgradation and modernisation of ITDC hotel properties giving the details thereof, unit/property wise and plan wise as on date;

(b) whether Government have thought of some other methods and wayout for getting the required money for renovation purposes etc. of ITDC hotels during 1991-92, before going for 'Joint Venture' with foreign companies/MNCs/Private Sector etc. if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are reasons for money being generated by multinational companies etc.?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) ITDCs draft 8th Five Year Plan proposes an outlay of Rs. 30 crores for renovation/upgradation/modernisation of its hotel properties.

(b) Yes, Sir. ITDC drew loans from ancial Institutions for their Plan projects including renovation of hotels during 1991-92.

(c) The scheme formulated by the Government to form joint ventures with foreign hotel chains is aimed to upgrade and improve the hotels of ITDC.

Construction of an Airport at Madam in Meghalaya

2682. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Meghalaya Fedration has recently made a demand for the construction of an airport at Madam the site for which had already been identified;

(b) whether the Federation has also demanded the introduction of Indian Airlines flight to Shillong through the existing Umroi airport;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (d) The request received from Meghalaya United Parliamentary Party for construction of an airport at Madam Umwang situated between Khasi and Jaintia Hills Districts of Maghalaya and Karbi Anglong District of Assam; and for introduction of Indian Airlines flights to Shillong through existing Umroi airport, has been examined. The financial constraint of National Airports Authority does not permit construction of a new airport at this site. It was also found difficult to operate a scheduled flight to Shillong considering the terrain around the airfield, poor visibility condition and heavy rains in most part of the year.